

Position: Parenting Education Specialist, Van Buren County

Position Summary:

Provides direct in-home services to families referred by Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) workers where abuse or neglect has been investigated or investigated and substantiated. Services are directed at keeping the family intact and avoiding further abuse or neglect by teaching parenting skills, home management, nutrition and coping skills to accelerate the early return home of youth in out-of-home placement. Services also include teaching safe sleep practices, and focus on strengthening the families protective factors through teaching, modeling and reinforcing appropriate parenting and life skills, providing concrete services and linking to community resources.

Qualifications:

A Bachelor's Degree with a major in one of the following human services areas; Social Work, Sociology, Psychology, Family Studies, Consumer/Community Services, Family and/or Child Development, Guidance Counseling, Family Psychology or Criminal Justice. Experience working with families is highly preferred. Must be knowledgeable about and actively support:

- 1) Culturally competent, recovery-based practices;
- 2) Person-centered planning as a shared decision making process with the individual who defines his/her own life goals and is assisted in developing a unique path toward those goals;
- 3) A trauma informed culture to aid individuals in their recovery process.

Valid Michigan driver's license and driving record which complies with agency policy. Ability to regularly provide out-of-office service in community settings in non-structured, unpredictable situations. Ability to implement physical assistance/ intervention as warranted.

Location: Clients will residents of Van Buren County. The home office location for this position will be the employee's home.

Status – Exempt, 37.5 hours a week (Flexible hours, this program requires the individual to be on-call 24x7)

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